MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Excise Test Examination was first instituted in January 1927.

(*b*) A statement showing the number of officers in the various grades who had passed the Excise Test and who were given promotion is given below :—

Class of Officers.	*No. promoted.*
1104	
Petty Officers	4
Clerks	4
1105	
Inspector	1
Petty Officers	5
Clerks	5
1106	
Inspector	1
Petty Officers	2
Clerks	11

(*c*) In giving promotions due regard was and is being paid to success in this test.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): In regard to part (*b*), may I know whether it is not a fact that when these appointments were made it *chanced* that these officers happened to have passed the examination and not that they were promoted *because* they had passed the Test?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They were promoted *because* they had passed the examination. Had it not been for their passing the examination, they would *not* have been promoted. The passing of the examination is one of the qualifications of promotion.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I know that. My question is whether these officers were promoted simply on account of their having passed the examination.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Also on account of their seniority in service.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkarā*): May I know whether there is any instance of promotion being given in the department, on the only ground of the officers having passed this Test without regard to seniority?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not now available.

Opening a dispensary at Ottasekharamangalam.

215. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the people of Ottasekharamangalam have requested the Inspecting Medical Officer or the Administrative Board, Medical Services, for opening a dispensary or at least for the time being a bi-weekly dispensary at Ottasekharamangalam; and

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(*b*) if so, the action taken by the authorities in the matter?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As Ottasekharamangalam is only 8 miles from Perumkadavila, where there is a dispensary, the petitioners have been informed by the Administrative Board, Medical Services, that there is no necessity to open a dispensary there at present.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know who made the enquiry on this petition?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Inspecting Medical Officer.

MR N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the enquiry was made, *in person* or by deputing any other officer under him?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not know that. I have before me only the report of the Administrative Board, Medical Services; and that does not say anything about it.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the officer who enquired considered the question of opening at least a bi-weekly dispensary in that place?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not now available.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) Does the file give any information on the matter?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. It is only a resolution from the Board that I have before me.

Establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in South Travancore.

216. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the proposal for the establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in South Travancore, will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken in that direction since the reference made to the same by the Dewan-President at the last meeting of the Legislative Council?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The site suggested for the proposed Tuberculosis Sanatorium is that of an abandoned estate, Sengamal by name, lying in the Mahendragiri State Forest. The investigation of the alignment of a road to the site, running entirely through Travancore, has been completed by the Division Officer, Nagercoil, and the detailed survey for preparing the estimate for constructing the road is in progress.

Translation of the Land Revenue Manual into Malayalam.

217. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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